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Identical letters dated 16 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 17 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/69/876-S/2015/261).

In the annex to the letter, Armenia states that "glorious victories in", inter alia, "the Artsakh war" are among its achievements during the past century.

What Armenia describes as its victory is aggression against a United Nations Member State and the use of force against and occupation of a significant portion of the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

What Armenia defines as "Artsakh" is the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as reconfirmed in Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993).

What Armenia calls its achievements are the most serious international crimes committed by the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan. The most heinous of them is the massacre of the civilian population of the town of Khojaly.

Moreover, Armenia inculcates this dangerous political doctrine in the young generation as a sine qua non condition for its future.

All of this is a direct challenge to the Security Council.

The Security Council should take decisive actions to put an end to Armenia's continued aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan and to the impunity it has enjoyed for decades.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

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